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WELCOME to the second issue of the *Cattle & Milk Review*! Let me begin by thanking all participants from the cattle and dairy industries for their continued support and cooperation – especially the producers who provide data for *NASS Cattle and Milk Production* surveys. Without their commitment and participation, this report would not be available.

This publication is a compilation of related reports issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in an effort to provide a complete source of relevant statistics.

Many of the statistics found in this publication can be accessed through our website (www.nass.usda.gov).

Please feel free to contact our office with any comments or questions you may have. I hope you find this information useful!

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Wisconsin and U.S. Cattle Inventory

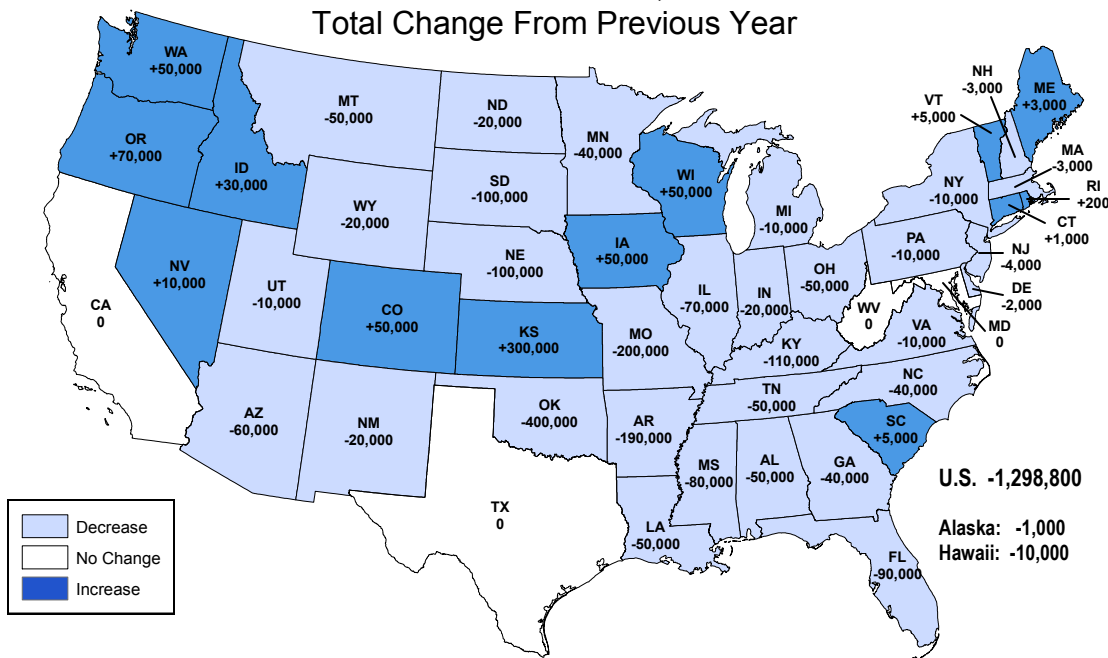
Wisconsin's inventory of cattle is up 50,000 head from 2010. Wisconsin maintained its ninth place ranking in the nation for inventory of cattle and calves. Milk cow inventory increased to 1.27 million head keeping Wisconsin ranked second behind only California. Nationally, cattle inventory decreased 1 percent from last year.

**Cattle and Calves, Number by Class,
Wisconsin, Selected States and United States, January 1, 2009–2011**

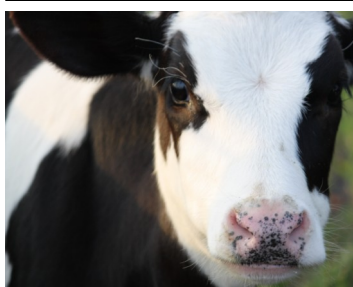
	Total Cattle and Calves			Beef cows that have calved			Milk cows that have calved		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
Wisconsin	3,350	3,400	3,450	265	260	265	1,255	1,260	1,265
California	5,250	5,150	5,150	620	610	600	1,840	1,760	1,750
Kansas	6,300	6,000	6,300	1,505	1,434	1,478	125	116	122
Nebraska	6,350	6,300	6,200	1,851	1,781	1,772	59	59	58
Oklahoma	5,400	5,500	5,100	2,038	2,073	2,036	62	57	54
Texas	13,600	13,300	13,300	5,170	5,140	5,025	430	410	425
United States	94,521	93,881	92,582	31,712	31,371	30,865	9,333	9,086	9,150
	Calf Crop ¹			Beef Replacement Heifers ²			Milk Replacement Heifers ²		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
Wisconsin	1,350	1,370	1,390	65	60	65	650	670	700
California	2,010	1,990	1,980	115	120	110	780	750	750
Kansas	1,430	1,390	1,420	255	240	245	65	80	85
Nebraska	1,730	1,690	1,660	320	320	300	20	20	20
Oklahoma	1,880	1,920	1,900	390	405	355	30	25	20
Texas	4,800	4,750	4,800	790	760	630	220	250	230
United States	36,153	35,939	35,685	5,531	5,451	5,158	4,410	4,526	4,557

¹ Total calves born the previous year.² Replacement Heifers over 500 lbs

Cattle and Calves, 2011



Source: USDA-NASS Cattle Report



There were 742,000 total beef operations in the United States in 2010.

Wisconsin had 250,000 cattle on feed on January 1, 2011, up four percent from January 1, 2010.

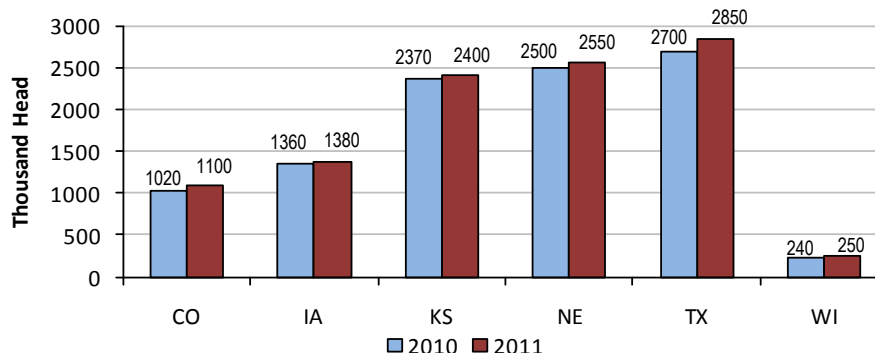
Across the United States there were 149,600 cattle weighing 500 lbs or more slaughtered on farm in 2009, down 100 head from 2008.

Beginning in 2011, prices received by farmers for cattle will no longer be published at the state level. U.S. prices received for cattle will still be found in the monthly USDA Prices Received Report.



Wisconsin Cattle on Feed and Alfalfa Hay Prices

Total Number of Cattle on Feed
Wisconsin and Selected States, January 1, 2010 and 2011



Source: USDA-NASS Cattle Report and Prices Received Report

The annual price received by farmers for dry alfalfa hay in Wisconsin for 2009 was \$106 dollars per ton compared to the U.S. price of \$113. Wisconsin's prices received for dry alfalfa hay started the 2010 season above the U.S. price, but ended the year below the U.S. price.

Prices Received by Farmers for Dry Alfalfa Hay: By Month,
Wisconsin, Selected States and United States, 2010

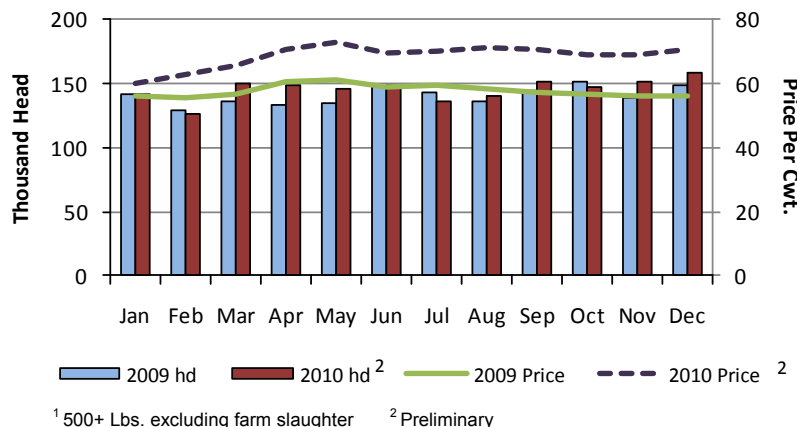
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	<i>Dollars per ton</i>											
Wisconsin	115	120	120	115	120	120	110	100	105	105	105	95
Colorado	130	125	120	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	130
Iowa	124	128	132	125	123	119	114	110	112	112	120	115
Kansas	110	103	105	105	115	110	115	115	110	110	115	115
Nebraska	82	84	83	81	78	77	78	79	77	77	78	77
Texas	183	183	183	183	183	183	183	180	180	180	180	180
United States	111	110	113	112	121	119	117	116	117	118	117	121

Source: USDA-NASS Prices Received Report

Wisconsin Slaughter and Prices Received

Commercial slaughter of Cattle for Wisconsin totaled 1,681,300 head in 2009. Monthly comparisons for 2009 and preliminary 2010 are shown in the chart below, along with the average monthly price received by farmers. The December 2010 cattle price was \$70.80/cwt, an increase of \$14.70/cwt from December 2009.

Cattle Monthly Slaughter¹ and Prices Received,
Wisconsin, 2009 and 2010



Source: USDA-NASS Commercial Slaughter Report and Prices Received Report

Milk Production

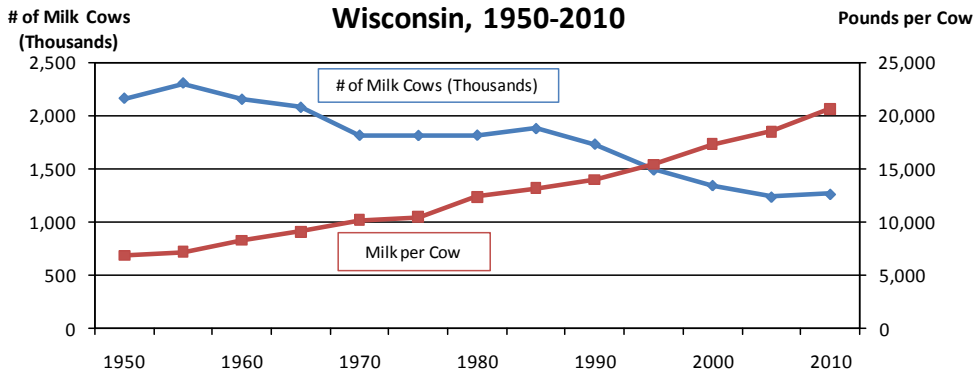
Wisconsin set a new milk production record in 2010, with 26.0 billion pounds. Milk per cow rose to 20,630 lbs. As of January 1, 2011 there were 12,431 licensed milk cow operations in Wisconsin, down 498 from a year ago.

Annual Milk Production, Selected States and United States, 2009-2010

State	Milk cows ¹		Rate per cow ²		Production ²		Production % change 2010/09
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	1,000 head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
Wisconsin	1,257	1,262	20,079	20,630	25,239	26,035	+3
California	1,796	1,754	22,000	23,025	39,512	40,385	+2
Idaho	550	564	22,091	22,658	12,150	12,779	+5
Michigan	355	358	22,445	23,260	7,968	8,327	+5
Minnesota	469	470	19,230	19,366	9,019	9,102	+1
New Mexico	325	321	24,320	24,551	7,904	7,881	n.c.
New York	619	611	20,071	20,807	12,424	12,713	+2
Pennsylvania	545	541	19,360	19,841	10,551	10,734	+2
Texas	423	413	20,898	21,375	8,840	8,828	n.c.
United States	9,203	9,117	20,573	21,149	189,334	192,819	+2

¹Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. ²Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**Number of Milk Cows vs. Milk Per Cow
Wisconsin, 1950-2010**

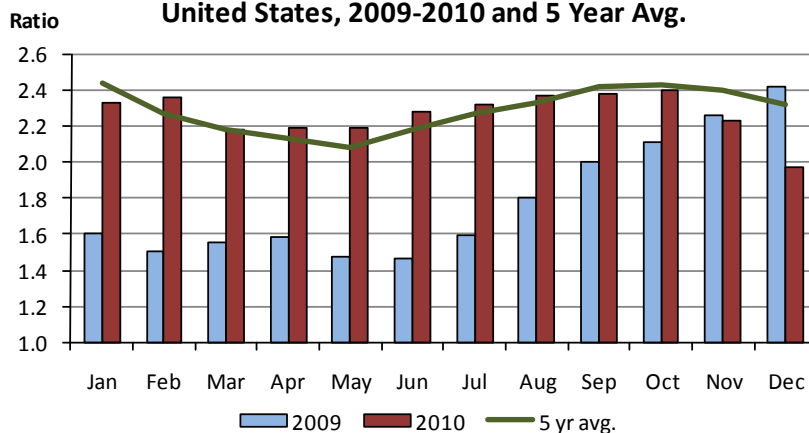


Source: USDA-NASS February 2010 Milk Production

Milk-Feed Price Ratios

Milk-feed price ratio is a measure of the value of 16-percent protein mixed dairy feed equal in value to one pound of whole milk and is an indicator of the profitability of milk production. National average prices are used in the calculation.

**Milk-Feed Price Ratios¹,
United States, 2009-2010 and 5 Year Avg.**



¹Prices of commercial feeds are based on current U.S. prices received for corn, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all wheat.

Source: USDA-ERS



Prices Paid for Dairy Feed & Soybean Meal

Lake States¹
2005-2010

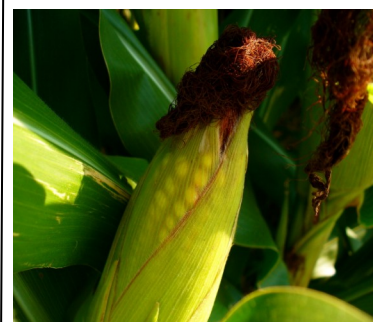
Year	Dairy feed 16% protein ²
	Dollars per ton
2005	188
2006	216
2007	241
2008	310
2009	295
2010	265

Year	Dairy concentrate 32-38% protein
	Dollars per ton
2005	328
2006	343
2007	394
2008	488
2009	475
2010	433

Year	Soybean meal 44% protein
	Dollars per cwt.
2005	11.9
2006	13.1
2007	14.4
2008	22.1
2009	20.1
2010	20.4

¹MI, MN, & WI. ²Complete ration feed, fed without mixing or supplementation.

Source: USDA-NASS April Agricultural Prices.



Annual Cattle and Milk Review

Wisconsin

TO WISCONSIN CATTLE AND MILK PRODUCERS -This report contains a summary of information collected from you for the January Cattle and Milk Production Surveys. Thank you for your support and representation of Wisconsin agriculture. We appreciate your assistance in providing timely and accurate data.

~Robert Battaglia, Director USDA-NASS

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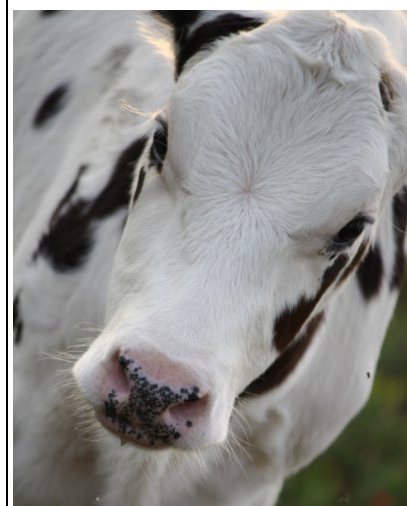
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